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 SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT NOVEMBER 30 -
 DECEMBER 6, 1987

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1. (LOU) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO
 JOURNALISTS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED.

2. SUMMARY:

A. (LOU) TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: FIGHTING BETWEEN
 REGIME FORCES AND A PRO-REGIME COMMANDER ERUPTED IN KABUL
 THIS WEEK. MANY, INCLUDING CIVILIANS, WERE KILLED IN THE
 FIGHTING. THE COMPLEX SITUATION, WHICH ALSO INVOLVES THE
 EX-MUJAHIDIN LEADER'S TROOPS IN THE KANDAHAR AREA, IS
 UNRESOLVED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF REANUED FIGHTING IN
 KABUL. POTENTIALLY FAR MORE SERIOUS FIGHTING BETWEEN THE
 COMMANDER'S FORCES AND REGIME FORCES IN THE KANDAHAR AREA
 REPORTEDLY HAS BEGUN. THE DEFENSE MINISTER HAS GONE TO
 KANDAHAR IN AN ATTEMPT TO STEM THE FIGHTING WHICH COULD
 JEOPARDIZE REGIME CONTROL SOUTH OF KANDAHAR. MEANWHILE
 IN OTHER KANDAHAR DEVELOPMENTS, MUJAHIDIN HAVE OVERRUN A
 SERIES OF RA AND SOVIET POSTS IN WELL-COORDINATED ATTACKS
 IN RECENT WEEKS. IN EQUALLY IMPORTANT MILITARY
 DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKTIA, MUJAHIDIN CONTINUE TO HOLD KHOST
 UNDER SIEGE DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF SOVIET SPETSNAZ AND
 COMMANDO UNITS. RA UNITS, ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THROUGH TO
 KHOST WITH CRUCIAL SUPPLIES, REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT BEEN
 ABLE TO PUSH BEYOND GARDEZ. RELIABLE SOURCES REPORT
 HEAVY CASUALTIES (APPARENTLY FROM PAKTIA AND KANDAHAR
 FIGHTING) ARRIVING IN KABUL. TO THE NORTH, THE REGIME?
 UNDER STRONG MUJAHIDIN PRESSURE, HAS BEEN FORCED TO
 TRANSFER THE SHAKA DARA DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS OUT OF THE
 DISTRICT CAPITAL. HEAVY FIGHTING IS REPORTED SOUTH OF
 KABUL, WHERE MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHED A MAJOR SOVIET CONVOY.
 TO THE WEST, MUJAHIDIN CONTINUE TO PRESS RA POSITIONS ON
 THE PASHMAN PLAIN, APPARENTLY INTENT ON WINTERING IN THE
 AREA RATHER THAN PULLING BACK TO THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF
 BORDER ENCAMPMENTS. OTHER MUJAHIDIN OPERATIONS ARE
 REPORTED IN WARDAK, PARWAN, HERAT, GHAZNI AND KOVAR. AN
 AIRCRAFT MISTAKENLY ATTACKED AN RA POSITION IN ZAROL

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LEAVING MANY DEAD AND WOUNDED. DIPLOMATIC REPORTS INDICATE SOVIET DEVELOPMENT/EXPANSION OF FACILITIES IN AFGHANISTAN. THE REGIME HAS INDUCTED INTO THE HARD-PRESSED RA MILITARY PRISONERS RELEASED DECEMBER 6. THE EX-PRISONERS WERE INDUCTED ON THE DAY OF THEIR RELEASE AS RELATIVES LOOKED ON FROM BEHIND POLICE/MILITARY LINES. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, NAJIBULLAH STATED HIS INTENTION TO CONTINUE AS BOTH STATE AND PARTY LEADER. HE ALSO QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE FOR AFGHANISTAN. END SUMMARY:

8. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: THE IRANIANS ARE GIVING MORE VISAS TO AFGHAN SHI'AS FOR VISITS TO IRANIAN HOLY PLACES. MERCHANTS IN HERAT ALLEGEDLY ARE SIPHONING OFF NEEDED AFGHAN IMPORTS TO FUEL TRADE WITH IRAN. END SUMMARY

3. (LOU) KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS: FACTIONAL STREET FIGHTING ERUPTED IN KABUL, NOVEMBER 30, DURING THE REGIME'S "LOYA JIRGA (GRAND ASSEMBLY) OF PEACE". THE FIGHTING, BETWEEN REGIME FORCES AND A FORMER MUJAHIDIN COMMANDER WHO DEFECTED TO THE REGIME IN 1985 AND WAS REWARDED WITH THE RANK OF GENERAL, RESULTED IN DEAD AND

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WOUNDED AMONG BOTH RIVAL FORCES AND CIVILIANS. THE
SHOOTING BEGAN SHORTLY BEFORE 0800, NOVEMBER 30, WHEN
THE MUJAHIDIN TURNCOAT, ESMATULLAH MUSLIM, ATTEMPTED TO
APPROACH THE LOYA JIRGA WITH ARMED GUARDS. REGIME
FORCES ATTACKED HIM AND HIS BODYGUARDS AT A CHECKPOINT
LESS THAN A KILOMETER FROM THE LOYA JIRGA SITE AND 200
METERS FROM THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL WHERE 50 FOREIGN
JOURNALISTS, IN KARUL TO COVER THE LOYA JIRGA, WERE
STAYING. IN THE INITIAL SHOOTOUT, 15 CIVILIANS, EIGHT
SARANDOI (MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TROOPS) AND SIX OF
ESMATULLAH MUSLIM'S BODYGUARDS REPORTEDLY WERE KILLED.
ESMATULLAH MUSLIM WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG. ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY, REGIME FORCES SURROUNDED MUSLIM'S HOUSE AND
HEADQUARTERS IN THE WAZIR AKBAR KHAN NEIGHBORHOOD, SITE
OF NUMEROUS EMBASSIES AND DIPLOMATIC RESIDENCES. TROOPS
ALSO REPORTEDLY SURROUNDED HOSTELS ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY
WHICH HOUSED MUSLIM'S SUPPORTERS. AT 1440, INTENSE
SHOOTING BEGAN IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN, AS REGIME FORCES
STORMED MUSLIM'S COMPOUND. THE SHOOTING, WHICH INCLUDED
LARGE CALIBER WEAPONS ON THE REGIME SIDE, CONTINUED FOR
APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES. DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE
AREA WERE HIT BY STRAY ROUNDS. EYEWITNESSES REPORT
WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MUSLIM'S COMPOUND WERE AMONG THOSE
KILLED. ONE RELIABLE ESTIMATE CLAIMS AT LEAST 22 OF
MUSLIM'S PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN, WITH
ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES AMONG REGIME FORCES AND CIVILIANS
IN THE DENSELY POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AREA. (COMMENT:
REGIME USE OF HEAVY CALIBER WEAPONS AND FAILURE TO
EVACUATE CIVILIAN RESIDENTS IN THE HOURS BEFORE THE
SHOOTING BEGAN, INEVITABLY INCREASED CIVILIAN
CASUALTIES.) FIGHTING BETWEEN MUSLIM'S AND REGIME
FORCES WAS REPORTED DURING THE DAY IN THE DARULAMAN
AREA. REGIME FORCES LATER SURROUNDED AND ARRESTED
MUSLIM'S FORCES AT VARIOUS HOSTELS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT
THE CITY. IN SHARE NAU, MUSLIM'S FORCES TOOK TWO WAD
(MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY) PERSONNEL HOSTAGE. ON
DECEMBER 4, MUSLIM LEFT THE REGIME HOSPITAL WHERE HE HAD
BEEN CONFINED (ONE REPORT CLAIMS HE AND A DOZEN
FOLLOWERS FORCED THEIR WAY OUT BY SHOOTING AT A HOSPITAL

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ADMINISTRATOR WHO ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK HIS ESCAPE) AND TOOK REFUGE IN ONE OF HIS RESIDENCES IN THE SHERPUR AREA OF THE CITY. ARMED WAD TROOPS IMMEDIATELY SEALED THE AREA (EVEN PREVENTING DIPLOMATS FROM GOING TO THEIR HOMES). MUSLIM'S RESIDENCES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY, NOTABLY IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN, HAVE REMAINED UNDER TIGHT REGIME SECURITY. SOME RESIDENTS IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN HAVE VACATED THEIR HOUSES, WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THE FIGHTING IS NOT YET OVER. (COMMENT: THE IMPACT OF THE OPEN RUPTURE BETWEEN MUSLIM AND THE REGIME IS LIKELY TO BE EVEN GREATER IN THE KANDAHAR AREA WHERE MUSLIM'S FORCES CONTROL THE KEY ROAD FROM KANDAHAR TO THE PAKISTANI BORDER AT SPIN BALDAR. ACCORDING TO AFGHAN REPORTS, DEFENSE MINISTER RAFIE HAS FLOWN TO KANDAHAR TO DEAL WITH AN OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING BETWEEN MUSLIM'S AND REGIME FORCES IN AND AROUND THE CITY. -SEE PARA 6 FOR KANDAHAR DEVELOPMENTS). IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS, AFGHAN AND DIPLOMAT SOURCES REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

-- DECEMBER 4: AT 2030, DIPLOMATS NOTED OUTGOING ARTILLERY, FLARES AND MACHINE GUN FIRE IN NORTH KARUL, POSSIBLY SPARKED BY INCOMING ROCKETS.

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-- DECEMBER 1: DIPLOMATS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF KARUL
REPORTED INCOMING ROCKETS IN SOUTHERN KARUL AT 0352,
0353 AND 0355.

-- NOVEMBER 30: DIPLOMATS OBSERVED ROCKET IMPACTS AND
MACHINE GUN TRACER FIRE IN SOUTHERN KARUL FROM 1825 TO
1840. (AFGHAN REPORTS CLAIM THE INCOMING ROCKETS WERE
LAUNCHED FROM THE TAPE TAJREK AREA SOUTH OF THE CITY.)
OTHER DIPLOMATS REPORT INCOMING ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUN
FIRE IN NORTHWEST KARUL OVER A 40-MINUTE PERIOD
BEGINNING AT 1850.

4. (LOU) KABUL PROVINCE: RELIABLE AFGHAN AND
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES REPORT SIGNIFICANT NEW FIGHTING IN
THE SHOMALI. MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHED A SOVIET COLUMN
RETURNING TO THE CITY FROM GARDEZ IN A CLASH SOUTH OF
KABUL, OBSERVED BY DIPLOMATS. TO THE WEST, MUJAHIDIN
CONTINUE TO PRESSURE REGIME AND SOVIET POSITIONS AND
WESTERN KABUL DISTRICTS.

A. KABUL NORTH: MUJAHIDIN PRESSURE HAS FORCED THE
REGIME TO TRANSFER SHAKA DARA DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FROM
SHAKA DARA TOWN TO QARAHAGH. THE TRANSFER, IN LATE
NOVEMBER, FOLLOWED A SERIES OF MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS IN THE
SHAKA DARA AREA IN WHICH RESISTANCE FORCES OVERRAN FOUR
RA POSTS. ON NOVEMBER 30, A WAD FORCE WAS OBSERVED
LEAVING KABUL FOR SHAKA DARA. SOVIET/RA ARTILLERY FIRE
AT THE SHAKA DARA AREA WAS NOTED BETWEEN 0630 AND 0730
DECEMBER 1 AND ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 4. (COMMENT:
THE VIRTUAL ABANDONMENT OF SHAKA DARA FOLLOWED REGIME
PROCLAMATION OF KABUL PROVINCE A "PEACE ZONE." NOVEMBER
21.)

B. KABUL SOUTH: MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHED A SOVIET ARMOR
CONVOY COMPRISING 84 VEHICLES IN THE CHAHAR ASIAH AREA,
APPROXIMATELY 20 KMS SOUTH OF KARUL IN THE EARLY
EVENING, NOVEMBER 30. AFGHAN REPORTS THAT CONCUSSIONS
FROM THE INTENSE FIGHTING SHATTERED WINDOWS IN THE

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AREA. DIPLOMATS IN KABUL OBSERVED AND HEARD THE FIGHTING WHICH CONTINUED FROM APPROXIMATELY 1840 TO 1905. THE COLUMN WHICH MOVED THROUGH NORTHERN KABUL LATER IN THE EVENING INCLUDED COMBAT-DAMAGED VEHICLES. ON NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 4, ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE, MUJAHIDIN IN THE TAPE TAJREK-LALANDAR AREA ROCKETED SOUTHERN KABUL. (COMMENT: SEE PARA 3, KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS, FOR DIPLOMAT-SOURCED ACCOUNT OF NOVEMBER 30 ROCKETING OF SOUTHERN KABUL.)

C. KABUL WEST: A RELIABLE RA SOURCE REPORTS HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE KARGHA-PAGHMAN PLAIN DURING THE DAY, NOVEMBER 29, FOLLOWING MUJAHIDIN ROCKETING OF THE LOYA JIRGA SITE (REF A) AND SIMILAR ATTACKS ON SOVIET POSITIONS NEAR KARGHA LAKE AND THE RA EIGHTH DIVISION AREA IN KARGHA. SOURCE ALSO REPORTED FIGHTING ON THE KARGHA-PAGHMAN PLAIN ON THE NIGHTS OF DECEMBER 2 AND 3. A SOURCE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE PAGHMAN AREA REPORTS THREE SARANDOI AND FOUR WAD POSTS REMAIN IN THE KARGHA-PAGHMAN PLAIN. THESE ARE SUPPORTED BY 20-30 FIRING POSITIONS. THE LATTER ARE UNDER NEARLY CONSTANT PRESSURE BY MUJAHIDIN DIRECT FIRE WEAPONS. MUJAHIDIN ALSO ROCKET THE LARGER RA AND WAD POSTS REGULARLY.

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THERE ARE NO SOVIET POSITIONS ON THE PLAIN. SOVIET
POSTS ARE LOCATED ON HILLS NEAR LAKE KARGHA TO THE EAST
AND APPROXIMATELY EIGHT KMS NORTH OF PAGHMAN TOWN IN THE
SHOMALI. SOVIET FORCES OCCASIONALLY CONDUCT DAYTIME
OPERATIONS ON THE PLAIN. THE FIXED SOVIET POSITIONS AT
KARGHA LAKE ARE FREQUENT TARGETS. DIPLOMATS REPORT
OBSERVING APPARENT INCOMING ORDNANCE SOUTHWEST OF THE
SOVIET POSTS AT 1130, DECEMBER 4.

5. (LOU) PAKTIA: THE MUJAHIDIN SIEGE AT KHOST
CONTINUES WITH REPORTS OF EXTREME FOOD SHORTAGES IN THE
CITY. AN RA RELIEF COLUMN ON THE ZADRAN ROAD FROM
GARDEZ TO KHOST WAS OBSERVED, APPARENTLY BLOCKED JUST
OUTSIDE GARDEZ CITY NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1. AFGHAN
SOURCE REPORTS MANY CASUALTIES FROM THE FIGHTING
ARRIVING IN KABUL, DECEMBER 1 AND 2. ONE SENIOR KABUL
MEDICAL OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT MORE CASUALTIES WERE BEING
BROUGHT INTO KABUL THAN AT ANY TIME DURING THE WAR.
(COMMENT: SEE PARA 6, FOR REPORT OF HEAVY CASUALTIES IN
KANDAHAR, ACCOUNTING IN PART FOR THE INFLUX OF WOUNDED
AND DEAD INTO KABUL.) THE REGIME HAS BEGUN
COMMANDEERING PRIVATE TRUCKS TO CARRY SUPPLIES FROM
KABUL TO GARDEZ, THE STAGING AREA FOR RELIEF EFFORTS FOR
KHOST. AT KHOST, DESPITE DIPLOMATIC REPORTS OF SOVIET
EMPLOYMENT OF SOVIET SPETSNAZ AND COMMANDO UNITS,
MUJAHIDIN CONTINUE TO BLOCK FOUR KEY ROADS TO THE
BESIEGED CITY. (COMMENT: AT THE LOYA JIRGA, NAJIBULLAH
SPOKE OF A 20-DAY ULTIMATUM IN WHICH MUJAHIDIN WERE TO
LIFT THE SIEGE OF KHOST. WITH MAJOR COMMITMENT OF BOTH
RA AND SOVIET TROOPS TO THE BATTLE, MANY VIEW
NAJIBULLAH'S THREAT AS BOMBAST, OR POSSIBLY AS A
REMINDER TO THE SOVIETS THAT SOVIET TROOPS REMAIN
INDISPENSABLE TO THE REGIME'S EXISTENCE. NAJIB'S
ULTIMATUM COULD ALSO PRESAGE SOME TYPE OF ACTION AGAINST
PAKISTAN.) DIPLOMATS ALSO REPORT??T??S*UCU??S??YYAF AND GULBUDDIN A
A TO COORDINATE THEIR
FORCES. A ZADRAN TRIBAL LEADER NAMED JALALUDDIN
REPORTEDLY HAS RETURNED FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO LEAD HIS
TRIBESMEN IN SUPPORT OF THE MUJAHIDIN SIEGE. GENERAL

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SECRETARY NAJIBULLAH, MEANWHILE, MET WITH ZADRAN TRIBAL ELDERS, DECEMBER 5, IN AN ATTEMPT TO INDUCE THEM TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF THE REGIME WITH THE MUJAHIDIN TO LIFT THE SIEGE. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, THE ZADRAN DEMANDED THAT NAJIBULLAH FIRST SECURE A WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES FROM A KEY BRIDGE ON THE KHOST TO GHAZNI ROAD. THEN, THE ZADRAN SAID, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO APPROACH THE MUJAHIDIN. NAJIBULLAH REPORTEDLY REFUSED THE DEAL. FIGHTING IN THE KHOST-GARDEZ AREA REPORTEDLY IS TAKING A HEAVY CIVILIAN TOLL, IN PARTICULAR, AS A RESULT OF HIGH-ALTITUDE SOVIET BOMBINGS. THERE ARE RELIABLE BUT UNCONFIRMED AFGHAN REPORTS THAT SALT PRICES IN GARDEZ HAVE RISEN TO 400 AFGHANIS PER KILO (20 TIMES THE KARUL PRICE) SUGGESTING GROWING SHORTAGES ALSO IN GARDEZ.

6. (LOU) HERAT: A DIPLOMAT OF UNDETERMINED REPORTING RELIABILITY CLAIMS MUJAHIDIN WEST OF HERAT CITY WERE ABLE TO BLOCK MOVEMENT OF A SOVIET CONVOY INTO THE BAZAAR MALAK AREA THROUGH THE USE OF MINES. ALSO, IN THE WESTERN HERAT PROVINCE TOWN OF GUIYA (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED), MUJAHIDIN REPORTEDLY KILLED A REGIME MILITIA COMMANDER IN MID-NOVEMBER.

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7. (LOU) LOGAR: AN AFGHAN REPORTS HEAVY CONCENTRATION
OF MUJAHIDIN FORCES IN THE SOURKHAU AREA (34°09"N
69°15"E), 12 KMS EAST OF THE LOGAR ROAD. THE MUJAHIDIN
POSITIONS IN THE AREA REPORTEDLY THREATEN SOVIET/RA
RELIEF EFFORTS FROM KABUL FOR KHOST, ALONG THE LOGAR
ROAD.

8. (LOU) KANDAHAR: TWO RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT
THAT, DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER, FORCES LOYAL TO
EX-MUJAHIDIN COMMANDER ESMATULLAH MUSLIM, WOUNDED BY
REGIME FORCES IN KABUL, NOVEMBER 30, HAVE ATTACKED RA
AND SOVIET FORCES IN THE KANDAHAR AREA. ONE AFGHAN
REPORTS THAT DEFENSE MINISTER RAFIE IS NOW IN KANDAHAR
TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM WHICH REPORTEDLY INCLUDES
FIGHTING WITHIN THE CITY ITSELF. AN AFGHAN REPORT,
SOURCED TO A SENIOR RA OFFICER, CLAIMS THAT TWO PLANE
LOADS OF DEAD AND WOUNDED RA PERSONNEL ARRIVED IN KABUL
FROM KANDAHAR THIS WEEK. ONE OF THE PLANES ALLEGEDLY
WAS BLOOD-SOAKED. IN THE PAST, MUSLIM'S FORCES HAVE
PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN CONTROLLING THE MAJOR ROAD BETWEEN
KANDAHAR AND SPIN HALDAK ON THE PAKISTANI BORDER,
HINDERING MUJAHIDIN SUPPLY OPERATIONS THROUGH THE AREA.
THE EXTENT OF MUSLIM'S FORCES' CONTROL IS INDICATED BY
THE PROCEDURE WHEREBY EVEN REGIME TRUCKERS MUST OBTAIN
PERMITS FROM ESMATULLAH MUSLIM'S DEPUTY IN ORDER TO
TRAVEL ON THE ROAD SOUTH FROM KANDAHAR. REGIME CONTROL
OF THIS ROUTE IS NOW JEOPARDIZED BY THE POSSIBLE
REVERSION OF MUSLIM'S FORCES TO THEIR ORIGINAL
ANTI-REGIME CAST. IN OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS: TWO
KANDAHARI REPORT THAT FROM MID-TO-LATE NOVEMBER,
MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN SIX OR SEVEN RA BASES ON THE KANDAHAR
OUTER DEFENSE BELT IN THE MOHALAJAT AREA. MUJAHIDIN
ALSO OVERRAN A SOVIET BASE AT MARD KALA (31°31"N
65°43"E), SEVEN KMS WEST OF THE KANDAHAR AIRPORT, ON OR
ABOUT NOVEMBER 21. THE KANDAHARI SOURCE ESTIMATED THE
SOVIET GARRISON AT MARD KALA TO HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY
55 TROOPS. A SEPARATE KANDAHARI SOURCE CLAIMS MUJAHIDIN
OVERRAN THREE RA POSTS NEAR THE CUSTOMS AREA IN KANDAHAR
IN LATE-NOVEMBER. FINALLY, A REGULAR SOURCE WITH KABUL

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MEDICAL CONTACTS REPORTS THAT THE REMAINS OF 12 RA DEAD WERE RETURNED TO KABUL FROM KANJAHAR DURING THE WEEK. ALL WERE KILLED IN A SINGLE MUJAHIDIN ATTACK IN OR NEAR KANJAHAR. KANDAHARIS CLAIM THAT MUJAHIDIN COOPERATION/COORDINATION IN THE PROVINCE IS IMPROVED OVER PREVIOUS YEARS.

9. (LOU) WARDAK: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED AN RA POST NEAR MAIDAN SHAR ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 2. AN AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS 8-9 RA WOUNDED BROUGHT FROM MAIDAN SHAR TO KABUL, POSSIBLY FROM THE SAME FIGHTING. A TRAVELLER REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED AND DESTROYED TWO SMALL RA POSTS AT BOTH ENDS OF A BRIDGE IN THE MAIDAN SHAR AREA ON THE KABUL-TO-KANDAHAR ROAD, NOVEMBER 29, AS A BUSLOAD OF KABUL-BOUND TRAVELLERS LOCKED ON.

10. (LOU) ZABUL: A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTALLY BOMPED AN RA POSITION NEAR QALAT, DECEMBER 1. IN ALL, 21 OFFICERS AND MEN WERE WOUNDED AND 11 KILLED.

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11. (LOU) PARWAN: A KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS
 MUJAHIDIN, NOVEMBER 28, ATTACKED A COMBINED RA MILITARY
 AND CIVILIAN CONVOY AT TAFE SCURAK, BETWEEN JABAL OS
 SARAJ AND PUL-I-MATAK (35°07'N 69°12'E), KILLING NINE
 CIVILIAN DRIVERS AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF RA PERSONNEL.
 TWO RA MILITARY TRUCKS WERE BURNED. (COMMENT: PRIVATE
 TRUCKERS GENERALLY AVOID TRAVELLING IN MILITARY CONVOYS
 BECAUSE OF THE GREATER DANGER OF MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS.)

12. (LOU) GHAZNI: A TRAVELLER FROM QALA-I-NAWE
 (33°38'N 68°24'E) REPORTS THAT THE MUJAHIDIN-CONTROLLED
 TOWN OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000 HAS BEEN FREE OF SOVIET AND
 RA AIR ATTACKS FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS, A FACT
 TOWNSPEOPLE ATTRIBUTE TO THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF STINGER
 ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES IN THE AREA. THE MOST IMPORTANT
 MUJAHIDIN GROUP IN THE AREA IS JAMIAT-I ISLAMI, FOLLOWED
 BY HEZB-I ISLAMI (GULBUDDIN). RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
 GROUPS ARE GOOD. FOOD IS PLENTIFUL IN THE TOWN, BUT
 THERE IS NO ELECTRICITY OTHER THAN THAT FROM SMALL
 FUEL-POWERED GENERATORS. SEPARATELY, A DIPLOMAT REPORTS
 MUJAHIDIN DOWNED AN RA MILITARY TRANSPORT NEAR GHAZNI
 AIRPORT, NOVEMBER 29. MUJAHIDIN ALSO ATTACKED TWO RA
 POSTS ON THE AREA ON THAT DAY.

13. (LOU) KONAR: SEPARATE AFGHAN REPORTS CLAIM HEAVY
 FIGHTING IN THE ASMAR AREA. ONE REPORT SOURCED TO AN RA
 SOLDIER CLAIMED A MAJOR RA CONVOY WAS TO LEAVE KARUL FOR
 ASMAR BETWEEN DECEMBER 4 AND 6. (COMMENT: DIPLOMATS
 OBSERVED SEVERAL LARGE SOVIET COLUMN MOVEMENTS EAST ON
 JALALABAD ROAD, POSSIBLY ROUND FOR THE KONAR AND ASMAR,
 DURING THE WEEK -SEE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS, PARA 16.)

14. (LOU) JAUZJAN: IN A REPORT SOURCED TO A JAUZJAN
 RESIDENT, A DIPLOMAT STATES THAT THE TOWNS OF AOCHA AND
 SHEBERGAN ARE UNDER MIXED REGIME-MUJAHIDIN CONTROL.
 MUJAHIDIN CLEARLY HOLD THE UPPER HAND IN OCHA WHERE THERE ARE NO RA TROOPS. MUJAHIDIN OCCASIONALLY CLASH
 WITH SOVIET TROOPS IN THE AREA. NEITHER AOCHA NOR
 SHEBERGAN HAVE SUFFERED MUCH MATERIAL DAMAGE FROM THE

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15. (LOU) NANGARHAR: PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS WHO CAME TO KARUL BY ROAD THROUGH JALALABAD TO COVER THE LOYA JIRGA REPORT THEY WERE CAUGHT IN A FIRE FIGHT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER CROSSING INTO AFGHANISTAN AT TORKHAM. THEY WERE DRIVEN FROM THERE TO JALALABAD IN ARMORED VEHICLES AND THEN FLOWN TO KARUL ABOARD SOVIET AIRCRAFT AT NIGHT. INITIALLY, THEY WERE INFORMED THEY WOULD RETURN THE SAME WAY, BUT UPON REACHING KARUL WERE TOLD THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FLY BACK TO JALALABAD. BAKHTAR (CIVILIAN AIRLINES) AIRCRAFT HAVE NOT FLOWN PASSENGER FLIGHTS BETWEEN KABUL AND JALALABAD SINCE NOVEMBER 7.

16. (LOU) MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS:

A. SOVIETS REPORTEDLY EXPAND AIRPORTS: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT NOTES THAT SOVIET FORCES HAVE BEGUN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORTS IN AFGHANISTAN DURING 1987. THE SOVIETS HAVE LENGTHENED THE JALALABAD AIRPORT RUNWAY, AND IN SPRING, CONSTRUCTED A NEW SMALL AIRPORT AT BANDI SAIDI NORTHWEST OF GHAZNI.

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AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE CLAIMS THE
SOVIETS HAVE (OR WILL SHORTLY) BEGIN PROVISION OF MORE
ADVANCED MIG FIGHTERS TO THE RA AIR FORCE, AND WILL
TRAIN RA PILOTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

B. REDUCED AIR MOVEMENT IN THE KARUL AREA: AFTER A
WEEK OF HEAVY SUKHOI-25 FLIGHTS FROM KARUL AIRPORT
(REFTEL) THE SIX TO EIGHT AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE NEWLY
DEPLOYED TO KABUL, NOVEMBER 22-23, HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN
OVER KARUL THIS WEEK, THOUGH THEY REMAIN AT THE
AIRPORT. HELICOPTER ACTIVITY WAS LIGHT DURING THE
WEEK. REGULAR MORNING FLIGHTS OF SOVIET MI-24'S AND
MI-8'S FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE SOUTHWEST WERE NOT
NOTED. IL-76 ARRIVALS WERE DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY THIS
WEEK. TRANSPORT FLIGHTS WERE LIGHT-TO-MODERATE DURING
THE DAY AND MODERATE TO HEAVY DURING THE NIGHT.

C. SOVIET BIVOUAC: A SOVIET UNIT, COMPRISING 80-100
VEHICLES, MOSTLY ARMOR, REMAINED BIVOUACED THROUGH MOST
OF THE WEEK (AND PART OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK) AT A
FREQUENT SOVIET BIVOUAC SITE ON PERIMETER ROAD. IN
ADDITION TO A LARGE NUMBER OF BMP-1'S AND BMP-2'S, THE
UNIT INCLUDED TWO ZSU 23/4 TRACKED ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS.
DURING THE WEEK, ELEMENTS OF THE UNIT WERE OBSERVED
DEPLOYING ON EITHER TRAINING OR OPERATIONAL MISSIONS AND
THEN RETURNING TO THE UNIT. FOLLOWING PREPARATIONS FOR
MOVEMENT, INCLUDING A BRIEFING GIVEN TO THE 200-300
TROOPS IN FORMATION, DECEMBER 5, THE UNIT, EARLY
DECEMBER 6, DEPARTED EAST ON THE JALALABAD ROAD. OTHER
LARGE SOVIET AND RA CONVOYS WERE OBSERVED HEADED EAST ON
THE JALALABAD ROAD DURING THE WEEK, INCLUDING AN
AMMUNITION AND FUEL CONVOY OF OVER 150 VEHICLES,
DECEMBER 4.

D. FORMER MUJAHIDIN LEADER SEEN IN KARUL: AFGHANS
IDENTIFIED A TRIBAL LEADER, ESCORTED BY HEAVILY ARMED
BODYGUARDS, SEEN IN KABUL, AS A FORMER MUJAHIDIN
COMMANDER WHO DEFECTED TO THE REGIME. THE FORMER
MUJAHIDIN WAS SEEN IN THE COMPANY OF THREE RA GENERALS

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AND DROVE OFF IN A NEW MERCEDES BENZ.

E. ROAD SECURITY: A GHAZNI RESIDENT REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN NOW ISSUE CARDS PERMITTING PASSAGE ON THE GHAZNI TO KARUL ROAD. THE CARDS, ISSUED TO CIVILIANS, ASSURE SAFE MOVEMENT.

17. (LOU) HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS:

A. PRISONER "RELEASE": THE REGIME, DECEMBER 6, RELEASED A LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS FROM PUL-I-CHARKHI PRISON. MANY OF THOSE RELEASED WERE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM PRISON TO A PRINCIPAL MILITARY INDOCTION CENTER IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN WHERE THE RELEASEES EXCHANGED PRISON GARB FOR MILITARY UNIFORMS. DURING MUCH OF THE DAY, SEVERAL SCORE ARMED REGIME TROOPS WERE DEPLOYED AT THE INDOCTION CENTER TO CONTROL A CROWD OF HUNDREDS OF RELATIVES WHO JAMMED SIDEWALKS AND A TRAFFIC ISLAND NEAR THE INDOCTION CENTER IN AN ATTEMPT TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF PROOTHERS, FATHERS, HUSBANDS AND SONS AS THEY WERE MOVED INTO THE CENTER. THE TROOPS GUARDING THE CENTER CONFIRMED THAT THE RELEASEES WERE BEING INDUCTED INTO THE RA MILITARY ON THE DAY OF THEIR RELEASE FROM PRISON. EARLIER IN THE

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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT NOVEMBER 30 -

YEAR, THE REGIME SIMILARLY INDUCTED RELEASED PRISONERS
DIRECTLY INTO MILITARY SERVICE. AFGHANS CLAIMED THE
NEED TO INDUCT THEM IMMEDIATELY AROSE FROM THE
LIKELIHOOD THAT THE RELEASED DRAFT-AGE PRISONERS WOULD
PROBABLY FLEE AT FIRST CHANCE TO PAKISTAN OR TO
MUJAHIDIN-CONTROLLED AREAS.

B. FRENCH JOURNALISTS TO BE TRIED: IN A DECEMBER 1
PRESS CONFERENCE, GENERAL SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT
NAJIBULLAH SAID THAT CAPTURED FRENCH JOURNALIST ALAIN
GUILLO WOULD FACE TRIAL.

C. FORCED BLOOD DONATIONS: FOLLOWING THE FIERCE
FIGHTING IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN, NOVEMBER 30 (PARA 3)
AFGHAN STAFF MEMBERS OF AT LEAST ONE DIPLOMATIC MISSION
IN THE AREA WERE FORCED TO DONATE BLOOD.

16. (LOU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

A. TUDEH PARTY MEMBERS IN KAPUL: A RELIABLE SOURCE
STATES THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY IN KAPUL OVER 2,000
MEMBERS OF THE IRANIAN TUDEH PARTY IN KAPUL, MANY OF
WHOM RESIDED IN THE SOVIET UNION FOLLOWING TUDEH PARTY
PROBLEMS WITH THE KHOMEINI REGIME.

B. THE DISAFFECTION OF ESMATULLAH MUSLIM: THE FIGHTING
THAT ERUPTED BETWEEN THE REGIME AND GENERAL ESMATULLAH
MUSLIM (PARA 3) MAY IN PART ARISE FROM A STRONG PERSONAL
AND POLITICAL ENMITY BETWEEN THE FORMER MUJAHIDIN LEADER
AND MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND KHALGI FACTION LEADER
GULABZOI. A DIPLOMAT ON THE SCENE OF THE INITIAL
SHOOTOUT NOVEMBER 30, NEAR THE LOYA JIRGA SITE, OBSERVED
THAT NEARLY ALL THE REGIME FORCES INVOLVED IN THE
SHOOTOUT (STILL CROUCHED BEHIND BARRIERS) WERE SARANDOI.
I.E., TROOPS SUBORDINATE TO THE INTERIOR MINISTER.
SIMILARLY, AFGHAN AND DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS NOTE THAT THE
ATTACKING FORCES IN THE MORE PROTRACTED AFTERNOON
FIGHTING IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN, WERE SARANDOI. A
FIREFIGHT, MAY 29, IN WAZIR AKBAR KHAN IN WHICH THE SAME

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